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RIOT COMMISSION NAMES KEY STAFF

Newark, N.J.: Sanford M. Jaffe, Executive Director of the Governor's Select Commission on Civil Disorders, today named Robert B. Goldmann of Englewood as Research Director and S. Joseph Fortunato of Newark as Chief Counsel.

The Commission, chaired by Robert D. Lilley, President of the New Jersey Bell Telephone Company, was named by Governor Richard J. Hughes following the summer riots in Newark, Plainfield and Englewood. Its mandate is to develop the factual record, examine the underlying causes of the disorders, and to recommend measures for the prevention of future riots through the promotion of constructive urban change. It is expected to submit its report next January.

Three other key members of the staff whose appointment was announced today by Mr. Jaffe are: Ian C. Ross of Berkeley Heights, as Senior Research Consultant; Donald Robinson of Newark, as General Counsel; and Edward J. McManimon, Jr., of Trenton, as Secretary of the Commission.

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Mr. Goldmann comes to the Commission after serving as Director of Public Affairs in New York City's Human Resources Administration (HRA) headed by Mitchell Sviridoff. Mr. Goldmann was responsible for the preparation of the "Sviridoff Report" of June, 1966, which was the blueprint for the reorganization of New York's anti-poverty, manpower, welfare and youth programs. He was educated in Germany and earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees at Columbia University. He served for many years in the U. S. Information Agency in Washington, and from 1962 to 1964 was an aide to Teodoro Moscoso, U. S. Coordinator of the Alliance for Progress -- the Latin American arm of the U. S. foreign aid program.

Mr. Fortunato is a partner in the firm of Pitney, Hardin & Kipp of Newark. He has been practicing law since 1957, with emphasis on labor cases. The 35-year-old attorney graduated from Montclair High School in 1950, from Yale University in 1954 and is a graduate of the Harvard Law School, class of 1957.

Mr. Ross is a sociologist associated with the Bell Telephone Laboratories. He is lecturing on sociology at Rutgers University, and before joining the Bell Laboratories, worked in the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research. In the late forties, he did research in the Essex County Probation Department. Mr. Ross was graduated from Columbia University in 1943 and received his Ph.D in 1957. He is a member of the American Sociological and Statistical Associations, and of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues.

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Mr. Robinson for the past 11 years has been a partner in the law firm of Shanley & Fisher with offices in Newark and Washington, D. C. Having specialized as defense counsel for indigents accused of major crimes, Mr. Robinson was chairman of the Committee appointed by the Federal Court in New Jersey to develop a plan for the defense of indigents. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Interracial Council for Business Opportunity in Newark, an organization seeking to assist Negroes to establish themselves in business or to improve the efficiency and earning capacity of existing Negro businesses. A graduate of Columbia University Law School, Mr. Robinson was admitted to the New York Bar in 1952 and to the New Jersey Bar in 1954.

Mr. McManimon is an executive in the New Jersey Bell Telephone Company. He has held managerial posts in that organization in different parts of the State and is presently serving at headquarters in Newark. In civic work, he is chairman of the Green Acres Citizens Committee, which is seeking to develop open spaces in the State for recreation and conservation. He also heads the planning board of Ewing Township, where he lives.

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